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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
WITH TRAVERSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the office action mailed July 31, 2009,  
applicant hereby elects, with traverse, to prosecute the claims  
of Group I (identified as claims 1 to 8 and 20 to 22), without  
prejudice to the right of Applicant to file a divisional  
application directed to the non-elected claims. Please amend the  
claims of the above-identified application as follows: